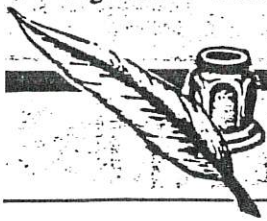


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Plan amendment

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On September 11, 1990, Plumas Forest Supervisor Mary J. Coulombe made a decision to amend portions of the Plumas National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The associated decision is available upon request from the Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 217. Appeals must be filed within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. Notices of appeals must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 217.9.

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Reply to: 1920

Date: September 11, 1990

Forest Planning Participant:

During the past two years we have identified areas in the Plumas National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement which need correction or clarification. These items have surfaced through monitoring and the implementation of the Forest Plan. The attached Decision Memo and Forest Plan Amendment address these changes.

A number of the changes are due to typing and printing errors, and are included with this document as errata corrections. These corrections are not subject to 36 CFR 217 appeal regulations. Changes in the text which may affect Forest direction and standards and guidelines are shown separately as Amendment #1, and are subject to administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 217. Any appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9, Content of Notice of Appeal, including the reasons for the appeal. The appeal must be filed simultaneously with the Regional Forester, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, and the Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, within 45 days of the date of legal notice of this decision in the Feather River Bulletin.

I have determined that this amendment will not individually or cumulatively have an effect (40 CFR 1508.27) on the quality of the human environment. Formal documentation of the analysis in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment is, therefore, categorically excluded. This amendment is consistent with the long term resource management goals and objectives in the Plumas National Forest Plan and will actually further clarify our management intent.

We will continue to work with you to improve the content and implementation of the Forest Plan. If you have questions, concerns, or comments I encourage you to meet with us to work out any difficulties. Our Planning Officer, Court Bennett (916-283-2050) is available to assist you with any questions regarding this amendment.



MARY J. COULOMBE
Forest Supervisor

DECISION MEMO

AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PLUMAS LAND AND RESOURCE

PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The following changes should be made to the Plumas National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and supporting Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

Environmental Impact Statement

Appendix T, page T-14 - change "-if not designated, good potential to lose Washoe Pine to fuelwood gatherers" to "-if not designated, little potential to lose Washoe Pine to fuelwood gatherers".

-Only dead or down material may be legally removed by woodcutting. As a result any woodcutting should not adversely affect the Washoe Pine. In support of this the Rx-7 Minimal Management Prescription, which provides direction for special interest areas, provides for fuelwood gathering only if unique scenic, geologic, ecologic, and significant cultural resource values are protected.

Forest Plan

Page 4-38 - Insert an additional Standard and Guideline after the second paragraph that states, "Save existing advanced reproduction within regeneration units compatible with management prescriptions".

-This change brings forward current Forest Service Handbook direction into the Forest Plan.

Page 4-42 - Under "Streamside Management Zones (SMZ)" add "Designate a Streamside Management Zone along all stream channels and wetlands where planned activities may affect water or riparian resources". This will be followed with the existing sentence, "Limit disturbance in Streamside Management Zones".

-This change mirrors the Streamside Management Zones Standards and Guidelines shown on page 4-42.

Page 4-107 - Add an additional Standard and Guideline for "Timber", stating, "Save advanced reproduction must be comprised of potential crop trees with a distribution and density to meet stand management objectives".

-This statement incorporates the added direction given in the change to the Timber Standards and Guidelines on page 4-38.

Page 4-126 - Under the General Direction for "Timber" change the sentence to read, "Obtain regulated timber yields through unevenage silvicultural systems in the Saddle Timber Compartment (7a&b)".

-The General Direction for the Grizzly Dome Management Area stated, "Obtain regulated timber yields through unevenage silvicultural systems". This implies that the entire Management Area will be managed under unevenage silvicultural systems. The direction needs to state that unevenage timber management will be applied to only one compartment, the Saddle Compartment, within this Management Area. This change reflects the Forest-wide Standards and Guidelines in the Forest Plan, pages 4-37 and 4-38, which state, "On four compartments, Indian Falls (Greenville), Bald Mt. (La Porte), Saddle (Oroville), and Deans (Quincy), obtain regulated timber yields using single-tree and group selection methods".

Page 4-138 - Add an additional Standard and Guideline for "Recreation" that states, "Manage the Wild and Scenic Zones of the MFFR consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; employ Rx-2".

-This statement was included in other Management Areas that have segments of the Middle Fork Wild and Scenic River system, but was inadvertently left off of the Galen Management Area.

Page 4-206 - Under the General Direction for "Timber" change the sentence to read, "Obtain regulated timber yields through unevenage silvicultural systems in the Bald Mt. Timber Compartment (7a&b)".

-See the comments for relative to the change on page 4-126.

Page 4-276 - Under the General Direction for "Timber" change the sentence to read, "Obtain regulated timber yields through unevenage silvicultural systems in the Indian Falls Timber Compartment (7a&b)".

-See the comments relative to the change on page 4-126.

Page 4-248 - Under the General Direction for "Timber" change the sentence to read, "Obtain regulated timber yields through unevenage silvicultural systems in the Deans Timber Compartment (7a&b)".

-See the comments relative to the change on page 4-126.

ERRATA CHANGES

Environmental Impact Statement

Page 2-127 - Table 2-18, Comparison of Average Annual Outputs for the 1st and 5th Decades. The headings of this chart were not properly aligned. Substitute the attached page.

Page 2-144 - Table 2-26, Timber Resource Management Information by Benchmark and Alternative. The ending inventory figures for CMY, PRF, and AMY changed to correlate with FORPLAN information.

Page 4-48 - Under PRF "Growth in 2030" change 47.7 to 44.7. Also under PRF "Growth as a % of LTSYC" change 96% to 90%. In the second paragraph of page 4-48 change PRF (96%) to PRF (90%).

Forest Plan

Page 4 - Tables. Change ORV Closures from page 4-19 to 4-20.

Page 4-36 - Change the word "sid" in paragraph three to "skid".

Page 4-40 - Under "Water Uses and Needs" delete the word "need" in the eighth sentence of the first paragraph.

Page 4-43 - In the first paragraph delete the first line stating, "a very high erosion potential or".

Page 4-119 - In the first paragraph the last sentence should read, "It is bounded by the North Fork of the Feather River on the east and Little Butte Creek on the west". Delete "and lies between the communi".

Page 4-193 - Change the label on the map to read , "Botanical Area' instead of "Natural Research Area".

Appendix A, Disposition of Existing Plans and Needed Implementation Plans, page A-1 - Change the date shown for "River Plan, Middle Fork of the Feather" from 1968 to 1970.

Appendix E, Seral Stages, page E-1 - In the second sentence of the second paragraph change "hargets" to "targets".

Appendix W, Public Comments, page 2-170 - In the second line change "353" to 3523".

Table 2-18 (5 of 5)

COMPARISON OF AVERAGE ANNUAL OUTPUTS FOR THE 1ST. AND 5TH. DECADES

Resource Elements	Year	Goals	Decade		Decade		Decade		Decade		Decade		
	1982	1990	2030	1st	5th	1st	5th	1st	5th	1st	5th	1st	5th
TRANSPORTATION													
Trail Construction/Reconstruction (miles)	0	11	10	17.8	17.8	0	0	17.8	17.8	9.0	8.2	31.6	31.6
Road Construction/Reconstruction (miles)	149	22	15	221	114	112	101	147	107	221	194	180	95
Road Maintenance (miles)	3692			3777	3948	3802	4142	3811	4439	4028	5389	3724	3957
FACILITIES													
Dams and Reservoirs (number)													
Forest Service	10			10	11	10	11	10	11	10	11	10	11
Other Federal	3			3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
State/Local	4			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Private	38			38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47
Administrative Sites (number)													
Owned	24			26	27	24	25	21	21	27	27	24	24
Leased	5			3	2	5	5	8	8	5	5	1	1
TOTAL BUDGET (MM\$)													
	22.3	27.1	29.5	29.9	49.0	22.3	22.3	27.0	29.0	33.9	63.0	31.0	48.4
TOTAL COST (MM\$)													
	24.4			31.1	50.4	24.4	26.0	30.5	32.8	35.6	65.3	32.9	50.6

Table 2-26 (1 of 3)

TIMBER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BY BENCHMARK AND ALTERNATIVE

	BENCHMARK		ALTERNATIVE 1/						
	MAX TBR (TBR)	MAX PNW (PLW)	CUR	CBE	RPA	CMY	PRF	AMY	
Suitable Lands (M Acres)	954 2/	951 2/	899	899	899	899	899	899	764
Inventory (Planning Horizon)									
Begin MMCF	3620	3615	3525	3525	3525	3325	3374	2480	
Begin CF/AC	3795	3801	3815	3811	3815	3815	3753	3255	
End MMCF	1310	1901	3949	1612	2564	3087	3945	2112	
First Decade									
Average Annual ASQ									
MMCF	59.5	91.4	29.1	53.6	37.7	50.6	41.1	38.0	
% Begin MMCF	1.6	2.5	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.5	
MMBF	364	595	189	348	245	328	266	247	
LTSYC									
MMCF	40.1	41.7	50.5	59.1	52.0	53.4	49.6	40.9	
% End MMCF	3.1	2.2	1.3	3.6	2.0	1.7	1.1	1.5	
Decade Met	First	First	89 3/	90 3/	89 3/	83 3/	83 3/	92 3/	

1/ Tentatively suitable lands for all alternatives: 914,144 acres, present inventory: 3815 MMCF.

2/ Tentatively suitable acres exceeded on the benchmarks due to absence of legal constraints.

3/ Long-term sustained yield not met. ASQ is steady at percent of LTSYC shown.

